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SUBJECT: TRADE AGREEMENT

1. DURING COURSE OF CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU MAY 15
HE HANDED ME FOLLOWING LIST OF ROMANIANS WHOM HE SAID HAD
BEEN GRANTED APPROVAL FOR EMIGRATION TO THE U.S.

NEACSU, MARIARA - ON OUR MARCH 1975 REPRESENTATION LIST.
SENATOR WEIKER INTERESTED.

MURESANU, MARIUS IONEL - ON OUR MARCH 1975 REPRESENTATION LIST.
CONGRESSMAN UDALL INTERESTED.

MARINESCU, MIRCEA, WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN - ON OUR MARCH
1975 REPRESENTATION LIST. SENATOR PERCY INTERESTED.

BALOS, SIMEON AND WIFE - SUBJECT OF EMBASSY NOTE TO MFA
APRIL 22, 1975. CONGRESSMAN WIGGINS INTERESTED.

COSTESCU, SANDA AND SON NICOLAE - NO EMBASSY INTERVENTION.
CONGRESSMAN FISHER INTERESTED.

MIRONESCU, KATRIN AND DAUGHTER - IV ISSUED 13 MAY 1975.
ON OUR MARCH 1975 REPRESENTATION LIST. VARIOUS CONGRESSIONAL
FIGURES INTERESTED.

2. MACOVESCU COMMENTED THESE WERE "HARD CORE" CASES IN WHICH
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THE GOR KNEW THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST.

HE SAID DECISIONS ON A COUPLE OF THEM HAD BEEN DIFFICULT FOR THE GOR, BUT THAT GIVEN THE PRESENT STATE OF PLAY ON THE HILL IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRADE AGREEMENT HEARINGS IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO GO AHEAD AND APPROVE THEM. HE THEN ADDED, "THERE ARE GOING TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL APPROVALS SHORTLY."

3. I DID NOT PRESS FOR A DEFINITION OF "SUBSTANTIAL". I SIMPLY CONFINED MY RESPONSE TO APPRECIATION FOR THIS GESTURE, NOTING THAT GIVEN THE NATURE OF THESE SPECIFIC CASES IT APPEARED TO ME, AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD TO OTHERS IN WASHINGTON, TO BE VERY MUCH IN THE SPIRIT OF THE ASSURANCES THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE TO CONGRESS ON THIS MATTER.

4. MACOVESCU REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT WE UNDERSTOOD WHAT A DELICATE AND DIFFICULT POSITION THE GOR WAS IN WITH RESPECT TO THE EMIGRATION ISSUE. I ANSWERED THAT I THOUGHT WE DID FULLY APPRECIATE THE SITUATION, BUT THAT NONE OF US COULD AVOID THE FACT THAT BASED ON HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR BARNES THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES TO THE CONGRESS THAT PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMIGRATION ISSUE WOULD BE RESOLVED IN A HUMANITARIAN FASHION. I SAID THERE WAS NO SENSE IN RE-PLOWING THE SAME GROUND AGAIN. HE KNEW AS WELL OR BETTER THAN I WHAT THE MOOD OF THE CONGRESS WAS, AND HE CERTAINLY KNEW FAR BETTER THAN I WHAT THE BASIC INTERESTS OF THE GOR WERE. I THEN CHANGED THE SUBJECT TO CAMBODIA (BUCHAREST 2121). VIETS

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